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SUBJECT: MPLA AND UNITA SIGN AGREEMENT

CAPE TOWN FOR EMBASSY

1. MPLA PRESIDENT AGOSTINHO NETO AND UNITA PRESIDENT JONAS SAVIMBI MET IN LUSO, IN EASTERN ANGOLA, ON DECEMBER 18; ALSO PRESENT WAS THE HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR ANGOLA, VICE ADMIRAL ANTONIO ALVA ROSA COUTINHO. THE ADMIRAL MET SEPARATELY WITH THE TWO LIBERATION GROUP LEADERS AND THEN ALL THREE MET JOINTLY. AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE TALKS, NETO AND SAVIMBI SIGNED A COOPERATION AGREEMENT AND GAVE A PRESS CONFERENCE IN WHICH NETO SAID THAT MPLA AND UNITA PREFER THAT THE SUMMIT MEETING WITH THE UNCLASSIFIED

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PORTUGUESE TAKE PLACE AFTER THE 27TH OF DECEMBER. THE LIBERATION

GROUPS WILL PROVIDE A GENERAL GEOGRAPHIC AREA, FROM WHICH THE PORTUGUESE WILL SELECT THE SITE OF THE MEETING. NETO ADDED THAT THE MEETING PROBABLY WILL NOT BE HELD IN ANGOLA. WITH RESPECT TO A TRANSITIONAL GOVERNMENT, HE SAID THAT THE MPLA HAS ITS OWN IDEAS, BUT WILL NOT BE INFLEXIBLE; MPLA WILL GO TO THE SUMMIT TO FIND COMMON GROUND WITH THE OTHER GROUPS.

2. THERE FOLLOWS THE JOINT COMUNIQUE ISSUED BY THE MPLA AND UNITA "THE TALKS BETWEEN THE MPLA AND UNITA DELEGATIONS HEADED BY PRESIDENTS DR. AGOSTINHO NETO AND DR JONAS SAVIMBI BEGINNING ON DECEMBER 10 COVERED IN MINUTE DETAIL THE CURRENT SITUATION IN ANGOLA, WITH EMPHASIS ON FINDING SOLUTIONS TO THE PROBLEMS OF THE PRESENT DECOLONIZATION PHASE.

"CONSIDERING THE UNITY OF THE ANGOLAN LIBERATION MOVEMENTS IS ESSENTIAL TO THE STRUGGLE AGAINST COLONIALISM AND IMPERIALISM, AND AN INSTRUMENT TO SAFEGUARD NATIONAL INDEPENDENCE, AS WELL;

"HAVING IN MIND IMPERIALISTIC INTRIGUES THAT IMPERIL THE PEACE AND TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY OF THE NATION;

"CONSIDERING THAT THE INTERFERENCE OF FOREIGN INTERESTS IN THE POLITICAL LIFE OF ANGOLA AND THE EXISTENCE OF AN INTERNAL REACTIONARY ELEMENT CONSTITUTE A THREAT TO INDEPENDENCE AND THE HARMONIOUS DEVELOPMENT OF ANGOLAN SOCIETY;

"PREOCCUPIED WITH THE CONSTANT WORSENING OF ANGOLA'S ECONOMIC SITUATION AND THE SOCIAL EFFECTS OF SUCH A DECLINE;

MPLA AND UNITA HAVE DECIDED:

"1. TO PUT AN END TO ALL HOSTILITIES AND PROPAGANDA THAT IMPEDE THE OPEN AND SINCERE COOPERATION BETWEEN THE TWO ORGANIZATIONS.

"2. TO ESTABLISH A CLIMATE FAVORABLE TO CLOSE COOPERATION AND MUTUAL RESPECT BETWEEN THE TWO ORGANIZATIONS, FROM TOP TO BOTTOM.

"3. JOINTLY TO DEFEND THE INTEREST OF THE WORKERS AND PEASANTS AND TO STRUGGLE TO PUT AN END TO ALL VESTIGES OF COLONIALISM.

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"4. JOINTLY TO CREATE AT ALL LEVELS OF ANGOLAN SOCIETY ORGANIZATIONS DESIGNED TO SOLVE IN PLACE PROBLEMS RELATED TO THE LIFE OF THE PEOPLE; IN PARTICULAR, TO CREATE AN ECONOMIC OFFICE TO PERMIT THE PROMPT STUDY, WITH INTERESTED SECTORS OF THE ECONOMY, OF THE CAUSES AND EVENTUAL SOLUTIONS TO THE PRESENT ECONOMIC RECESSION.

"5. NOT TO INTERFERE IN THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF THE ORGANIZATIONS SIGNATORY TO THIS AGREEMENT.

"6. TO HAVE AS THE FUNDAMENTAL OBJECTIVE IN NATIONAL RECONSTRUCTION THE WELFARE OF THE MOST EXPLOITED CLASSES OF THE ANGOLAN PEOPLE.

"7. TO SEEK TO ESTABLISH AT THIS CRUCIAL POINT IN THE HISTORY OF OUR PEOPLE, IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE FNLA, A COMMON POLITICAL PLATFORM THAT WILL SERVE AS THE BASIS FOR DISCUSSIONS WITH THE PORTUGUESE GOVERNMENT ON THE FORMATION OF A TRANSITIONAL GOVERNMENT.

"8. TO STUDY PRACTICAL FORMS OF IMMEDIATE COOPERATION IN THE POLITICAL AND MILITARY FIELDS.

"9. TO TENACIOUSLY OPPOSE THE INTRIGUE OF INTERNAL REACTIONARIES TO PERPETUATE UNJUST RELATIONS INHERITED FROM COLONIALISM, WHICH WOULD GRAVELY DISTURB THE PEACE SO DEARLY WON AFTER INNUMERABLE YEARS OF SACRIFICE.

"10. TO VIGOROUSLY COMBAT ATTEMPTS AGAINST THE UNITY OF THE NATION IN FAVOR OF SECESSION.
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